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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Dear Colleagues

It has been a great experience for me to have interactions with everyone of you over the last one year. I have enjoyed thoroughly every minute and every aspect of it. The commitments I have made in carrying out the various activities has made me to feel satisfied and happy.



Life is full of surprises at every step. We plan many things in our life – day-to-day activities, many short and small plans, and many more long-term plans. We put in our best efforts to execute our plans and make completion in the best possible way. Ultimately, some of these may work out according to the plans we make, though some may go haywire. Every step we take is monitored and ultimately we are blessed appropriately.

We are fortunate to meet physically after a break of two years for the Annual conference during the first week of December 2022. The conference had seen a record-breaking participation by IAPM members from nook and corner of the subcontinent, along with a few invited faculties from abroad. In spite the huge crowd, the organizer had managed the whole event smoothly making the event a grand success. Every one of them had made their best effort to make the event a memorable one by extending personnel touch. Ultimately in one word, I like to say that we were fortunate and we have been blessed.

I once again, like to thank every member of the Association for their constant and unyielding support throughout my tenure. I like to wish everyone a happy and successful year ahead.

With Regards

(Dr Kim Vaiphei)

Emeritus Professor, Deptt of Histopathology,  
PGIMER, Chandigarh.

Chandigarh. 26/12/2022.



## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

**Dear all,**

At the outset, let me take this opportunity to greet everyone and congratulate for the very successful APCON 2022, we have just witnessed. Just returned with an immensely satisfying experience of the biggest hybrid conference after a break of two years and a very successful scientific program with participation of IAPM members in huge numbers; both from the country and abroad. I thank everyone for electing me and bestowing faith in me; hopefully I have justified it. I have worked with honesty and commitment for the cause of our association throughout my tenure. We had collectively done many commendable jobs like- initiation of IAPM webinars, online meetings with EC, GB and state chapter office bearers, amendments of bye laws with formation of modified "Memorandum, constitution, bye-laws and rules" under the able guidance of Dr. Anuradha Phatak and members of Bye laws committee, institution of Dr. KS Ratnakar Best paper award, formation of new chapters like Jammu and Kashmir & Haryana with new membership drive. This year also we conducted electronic election and there has been appreciable increase in the number of voting from previous years (2019- 339, 2021-513, 2022- 682). Statewise list of members without mail ids and mobile numbers were prepared and sent to state chapter chairpersons and senior members for updating of data; but the response was not very satisfying. For this, commitment of chairpersons with each and every member is required.



I thank the current office bearers Dr. Kim Vaiphei, Dr. Sharada Rane, Dr. Ranjan Agrawal, Dr. Harendra Kumar, Dr. Varsha Dhume and Dr. Pranati Mohanty for their constant support and help. I express my heartfelt gratitude to all the Executive members especially our past Presidents for guiding me and advising me in each and every step. I welcome the new office bearers and sincerely hope the new team will continue to march onward for the betterment of our association.

***God bless you all and be with you today and always.***

***Wishing everyone a very happy and prosperous new year-2023.***

***Jai IAPM.***

  
**Dr. Asaranti Kar**



## JOINT SECRETARY'S STATE CHAPTER REPORT

I am summarising academic programmes of various state chapters of IAPM, held in the last quarter of 2022:

**Bihar Chapter:** organised a CME on "Diagnostic approach to Body Fluids" on 18th September 2022 at Bhagalpur. Dr. R.K.Mishra was the Chairperson & Dr. Satyendra Kumar was the organizing secretary. Dr. Kumar Suneet, Secretary, IAPM Bihar Chapter was the chairman scientific committee. 178 delegates from all over Bihar attended this CME.

**Karnataka Chapter.** On 15th Oct'2022 KCIAPM Path webinar session-2 was conducted on "Diagnostic approach to soft tissue tumors" by Dr. Anuradha C.K. Rao. On 9th Nov'2022, Panel Discussion on Pathology : Backbone of Clinical Medicine was conducted by Dr. Jayaram Iyengar, Dr. Vani Ravi Kumar, Dr. Vidya M.V., Dr. Umashankar T. & Dr. Mahesh Karigoudar. Karnataka chapter organized a very successful 70th annual Pathology conference "APCON 2022" in hybrid mode at MS Ramaiah medical college Bangalore.

**Madhya Pradesh Chapter:** On 18.9.2022 SAMC & PGI Department of Pathology SAIIMS Indore conducted a lecture on Topic - Recent Advances in WHO Classification of Soft tissue Tumours by Dr. Bharat Rekhi, a workshop on LBC by Dr. Reeni Malik and a workshop on IHC by Dr. Shikha Ghanghoria. CME on endometrium reporting on 18/11/22 & CME on flow cytometry Dr. Gautam Gopal Bhagwat.

**North East Chapter:** 31st NERCON, the annual conference of NE Regional chapter was organized from 25th November to 27th November 2022. The Prof B D Baruah oration was delivered by



Dr Anita M Borges, Mumbai. The other guest faculties were Dr Debadutta Basu and Dr Siddaraju from JIPMER, Pondicherry and Dr Santosh Menon from Tata Memorial hospital, Mumbai. More than 300 delegates attended the conference.

**Uttar Pradesh Chapter:** UPPATHCON 2022, the XXIXth Annual Conference of UP chapter of IAPM was held on 15th and 16th October 2022 at Govt Institute of Medical Sciences, Greater Noida, which was attended by over 500 delegates. The lecture topics included Pediatric Gliomas, Liquid Based Cytology, Lymphomas of GI tract, Endometrial Carcinoma, Molecular Diagnosis of Lung Neoplasms, Hepato-biliary Neoplasms, 2022 Classification of Thyroid Neoplasms, Papillary Lesions of Breast, WHO classification of Neuroendocrine Tumors, and Pitfalls in Bladder Neoplasms. Slide sessions on interesting cases in Hematology and the Eccentric in histopathology were also conducted. 122 Oral papers, 130 e-posters, and Award category papers were presented. Organizing chairperson was Dr. Shivani Kalhan & Org Secretary Dr. Shalini Bahadur. Newly elected



office bearers of UP chapter: Dr Shivani Kalhan (President), Dr Pradyumn Singh (Vice President), Dr Atin Singhai (Secretary), Dr Surabhi Pandey (Joint Secretary), Dr Anupam Varshney (Treasurer), Dr Ranjan Agrawal was nominated as Chairman, Scientific Committee. A workshop on "Basic Molecular Diagnostic Techniques" was conducted by Molecular Diagnostics and Research Laboratory, Government Institute of Medical Sciences, Greater Noida on 3rd & 4th November 2022. 28 delegates participated in workshop and learnt 'Molecular Techniques and their application in clinical diagnosis VRDL network:

**West Bengal Chapter:** The CME and Conference was held on 10th and 11th September, 2022 at NRS Medical College, Kolkata. The topic of Dr. R N Ghosh Memorial CME was "The O and Y of Ovarian Neoplasm" - focusing on the light microscopic approach, Immunohistochemical and molecular algorithm, in current understanding of ovarian Neoplasm. A panel discussion on pitfalls and progress in Ovarian neoplasm, and interesting case presentation from different medical colleges were the part of the CME. The 29th State

Conference was held on 11th Sept'2022 with an inaugural session and felicitation of two senior members, Prof Manoj Choudhury & Prof. Tapan Kumar Datta. It was followed by Dr. S N De memorial oration by IAPM President Dr. Kim Vaipheion virtual mode. There was a microbiology symposium on "CBNAAT - use and misuse, a clinical rendezvous". It was followed by Award papers, Free papers and Posters on histopathology, cytology, microbiology and haematology with 92 participations from PGTs. The overall registration was more than 300.

**Proposals to start new chapters:** One proposal by Dr Sunita Singh, Prof & Head, Pathology, PGIMS, Rohtak to start Haryana chapter. Second proposal by Dr. Jyotsana Suri, Professor of Pathology and Dr. Subhash Bhardwaj, Prof & Head of Pathology, GMC Jammu to start Jammu and Kashmir chapter of IAPM.

I sincerely request all state chapter office bearers to motivate all Institutes of their state to conduct all academic programs under aegis of IAPM state chapters.

Long live IAPM.

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President, IAPM receiving plaque after delivering Dr. BK Aikat Memorial Oration

Release of Souvenir during Inaugural Ceremony of APCON 2022



Lighting of lamp in APCON 2022 at Ramalah Medical College, Bengaluru



## MINUTES OF THE 70TH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF IAPM AT APCON, 2022 AT RAMAIAH MEDICAL COLLEGE, BENGALURU

### ☞ Agenda No. 01: Condolences :

The house was informed regarding the sad demise of the following honorable members of the association: Dr. R.K.Vasishta (Chandigarh), Dr. S.K. Shankar (Bengaluru), Dr. A.K. Banerjee (Chandigarh), Dr. Debleena Sur (Kolkata), Dr. KM Srinivas Gowda (Bengaluru), Dr. K. Prasada Reddy (Visakhapatnam), Dr. Prasanna Shetty (Bengaluru), Dr. H.A.Khan (Odisha), Dr. R V Agrawal (Raipur)& Dr. Rama Gopalan, (Tamilnadu)

**Resolution: Agenda No. 01/2022:** The general body observed silence in memory of the departed souls. Secretary, IAPM will send suitably worded condolence message to the bereaved family members.

### ☞ Agenda No.02: Apologies :

The following members of the Executive committee informed their inability to attend Executive council meeting- Gen. Dr. Bhardwaj, Dr. Harsh Mohan, Dr. G. N. Mohanty, Dr. N.C.Parija, Dr. B.D.Radotra and Dr. Manoj Singh.

**Resolution: Agenda No.02/2022:** The Executive committee and General Body were informed about the apologies.

### ☞ Agenda No.03: Confirmation of minutes of 69<sup>th</sup> GBM at APCON 2021

**Resolution Agenda No 03/2022:** The issue regarding APCON 2016 was raised by Dr. Anuradha Phatak. After discussion and deliberations, GB accepted the following points-

1. To solve the issue an enquiry committee was constituted comprising Dr. Kim Vaiphei, Dr.(Col) D.K.Mishra, Dr. Pradeep Vaideeswar, Dr. Vatsala Misra, Dr.Asaranti Kar, Dr.Varsha Dhume (past treasurer) and Dr.Harendra Kumar (present treasurer) which will enquire the issue and solve it.
2. It was decided to make a document of all irregularities occurring since APCON 2016 and keep in HQ.
3. SBI account from Jaipur will be transferred to place of new treasurer, Agra
4. The hard copies of fixed deposits (Rs 50 lakhs) done by Dr. Dilip Ramrakhiani will be transferred from Jaipur to IAPM HQ.

5. Interest generated by DCB bank and SBI SMS Jaipur bank accounts of Rs 18,588/ &Rs137,407/ will be paid by APCON 2016.
6. Handover meeting will be held in month of January/ February. Travel and other expenses will be borne by IAPM.
7. Because of the difficulties faced from APCON 2016, it was decided to prepare a financial SOP by Executive committee members, which will be handed over to the organising secretary of each APCON.
8. Minimum 10% of registration fees to be donated by every APCON organising committee after completion of conference.

#### Agenda No. 04: Report of Honorary Secretary, IAPM:

**Resolution: Agenda No.04/2022:** The general body accepted the report of the Secretary, IAPM for the year 2022. During the tenure of Honouray Secretary, IAPM many commendable works were done like: starting of IAPM webinars, online EC & GB meetings and with the office bearers of state chapters, institution of Dr.KSRatnakar Best paper award, modification of bye laws with multiple amendments occurring since2006, formation of new chapters like J&K & Haryana. EC and GB appreciated and congratulated Dr.Asaranti Kar for her successful tenure.

#### Agenda No.05: Report of Joint Honourary Secretary, IAPM

**Resolution: Agenda No. 05/2022:** The general body accepted the report of Honourary joint secretary IAPM for the year 2022. GB approved formation of new chapters of IAPM like Jammu & Kashmir & Haryana. However, GB expressed concern over inactivity of some chapters and urged for elections to be held every year in all the chapters. Steps are to be taken regarding continuation of same office bearers in chapters like Rajasthan and Gujrat. NW chapter has been revived by the three members' committee appointed by IAPM with Prof.Harpreet Kaur, HOD, Dept. of Pathology of DMC, Ludhiana as interim Chairperson till next GBM scheduled in April 2023.

#### Agenda No.6: Report of Honourary Treasurer

**Resolution: Agenda No. 06/2022:** The general body accepted the report of Honourary treasurer IAPM for the year 2022. The following points are suggested after discussion regarding treasurer's report:

1. Same auditor and CA to continue for the year 2023-24. If asked, increase in fees can be given to auditor.

2. Rs20,000/ to be given to CA Mr. KK Nayak for his previous work done for IJPM during 2017-18.
3. Signature of President (2022), secretary (2020-22) and treasurer (2020-22) are required to authorise the new treasurer (elected for the period 2023-25) to transfer the signatories in bank accounts.
4. To close all FDs in banks except SBI after maturation and to keep the hard copies of FDs in HQ.
5. Rs 31,434 in name of Dr.Satyanarayan to be written off.
6. Payment portals in website for membership to include new options.

**👉 Agenda No. 07: Report of Honourary Editor-in-Chief, Indian Journal of Pathology & Microbiology**

**Resolution: Agenda No. 07/2022:** The general body accepted the report of Honourary Editor-in-Chief, IJPM for the year 2022. GB congratulated Dr. Ranjan Agrawal for uplifting the standard of IJPM and increasing the impact factor. Dr. Ranjan Agrawal suggested that as a membership benefit, those who apply for Life Membership of IAPM would be given an additional option of having a Print (Hard) copy of IJPM at an additional cost of Rs 2500/ per year or a single copy at Rs 500/ per issue. This additional payment would be in the account of Editor-in-Chief, while the membership fees would be in the treasurer's account.

**👉 Agenda No. 8: Report of Honourary Joint Secretary, IAPM HQ:**

**Resolution: Agenda No. 08/2022:** The general body accepted the report of Honourary Joint secretary, IAPM HQ for the year 2022:

- a. Lift issue- HQ lift issue was discussed and it was decided that it should be finished ASAP. Dr.Lanjewar suggested that no more money will be given from IAPM for lift which was agreed upon by Joint secretary, HQ.
- b. HQ Budget for the year 2023-24 was approved.

**👉 Agenda No. 09: Report of Secretary, Indian College of Pathologists:**

**Resolution: Agenda No.09/2022:** The General body accepted the report of the Secretary, ICP, Dr UshaKini for the year 2022. Secretary stated that website has become functional and will become interactive soon. Dr. Shantveer G. Uppin & Dr. Megha Uppin were awarded FICP in this year APCON. PDCC course was conducted successfully and 10 cleared the examination.



**Agenda No.10: Admission of new members to IAPM:**

**Resolution: Agenda No.10/2022:** The GB accepted the proposal of conferring membership to 239 applicants, who had applied for membership by 31st October 2022. They were OL members who according to new Bye laws became life members.

**Agenda No.11: Election 2022:**

Nominations were received for posts of the President, Vice President, Honourary Secretary, Honourary Joint Secretary and Honourary Treasurer.

- a. Declaration of results for the post of President 2023:** Only one nomination was received from Dr. Sharada Rane, for the post of President, IAPM.

**Resolution: Agenda No.11a/2022:** The General body accepted the election of Dr. Sharada Rane to the post of president IAPM 2023, unopposed.

- b. Declaration of results for the post of Vice-President, 2023:** Valid nominations were received from Dr. Dilip Ramrakhiani, Dr. Kanaklata Dei & Dr. Ranjan Agrawal. Dr. Ranjan Agrawal withdrew his nomination. So there was context for the post between Dr. Dilip Ramrakhiani & Dr. Kanaklata Dei. Election was held electronically from 26<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> October and result was declared during EC meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December by Secretary, IAPM. Total voting this year was 682; Dr. Dei received 386 votes and Dr. Ramrakhiani received 285 votes.

**Resolution: Agenda No.11 b/2022:** The General Body accepted the election of Dr. Kanaklata Dei to the post of Vice-President, IAPM for the year 2023.

- c. Declaration of results for the post of Honourary Secretary, 2023-25:** Valid nominations were received from Dr. Ranjan Agrawal & Dr. Shantveer G. Uppin. So there was context for the post & Dr. Agrawal received 336 votes & Dr. Uppin received 289 votes.

**Resolution: Agenda No.11 c/2022:** The General Body accepted the election of Dr. Ranjan Agrawal to the post of Honourary Secretary, IAPM for the period from 2023-25.

- d. Declaration of results for the post of Honourary Joint Secretary, 2023-25:** Three nominations were received from Dr. Harendra Kumar, Dr. Pallav Gupta & Dr. Varsha Dhume. Nomination of Dr. Pallav Gupta was found invalid, Dr. Harendra Kumar withdrew his nomination.

**Resolution: Agenda No.11d/2022:** The General body accepted the election of Dr. Varsha Dhume to the post of Honourary Joint Secretary, IAPM for the period from 2023-25, unopposed.

- e. Declaration of results for the post of Honourary Treasurer, 2023-25:** Three nominations were received from Dr. Harendra Kumar, Dr. Pallav Gupta & Dr. Pranati Mohanty. Nominations of Dr. Pallav Gupta & Dr. Pranati Mohanty were found invalid.

**Resolution: Agenda No.11e/2022:** The General body accepted the election of Dr. Harendra Kumar to the post of Treasurer, IAPM for the period from 2023-25, unopposed.

**Agenda No. 12: Declaration of results for IAPM Awards :**

- a. Dr. VR Khanolkar Award:** Seven papers were received for this award which were scrutinised and judges recommended paper of Dr. Dheeraj Chinnam, Consultant Pathologist, Malhotra Superspeciality Hospital, Baddi for his published paper “Chinnam D, Gupta K, Kiran T, Saraswati A, Salunke P, Madan R, Kumar N, Radotra BD. Molecular subgrouping of ependymoma across three anatomic sites and their prognostic implications. Brain TumorPathol. 2022 Jul;39(3):151-161.”

**Resolution: Agenda No. 12a/2022:** The paper of Dr. Dheeraj Chinnam was approved for the Dr. VR Khanolkar award 2022.

- b. Smt.Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award:** Total three entries were received for this award which were scrutinised & judges recommended paper of Dr. Sakthisankari Shanmugasundaram, Associate Professor, PSG Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu for her paper “Shanmugasundaram S, Venkataswamy C, Gurusamy U. Pathologist’s role in identifying cardiac defects-a fetal autopsy series. CardiovascPathol. 2021 Mar-Apr;51:107312.”

**Resolution: Agenda No. 12b/2022:** The paper of Dr. Sakthisankari Shanmugasundaram was approved for Smt.Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award 2022.

- c. Prof. KC Basu Mallick Award and the Best Paper Award:** Out of the entries received, five & three papers were selected by judges for presentation of Prof. KC Basu Mallick Award & Best paper award respectively in the plenary session of APCON 2022. After presentation, judges found paper of Dr. Anju Shukla, Senior Consultant and Head, Department of Lab Medicine, Sahara Hospital, Lucknow for her research work “Among Covid-19 hospitalized patients does D-dimer value at the time of admission predict future outcome.” For best paper, judges selected paper of Dr. Jesty P Tom, Senior resident, PGIMER, Chandigarh for her research work entitled “Does molecular subtypes in Gastric Cancer influence clinicopathological outcome?”

**Resolution: Agenda No. 12c/2022:** Paper of Dr. Anju Shukla was approved for Prof. KC Basu Mallik Award 2022 and Dr. Jesty P Tom for best paper award 2022.

**Agenda No. 13: Dates for APCON 2023:**

The dates proposed by the Organizing Secretary Dr. Prasenjit Das, Professor, Pathology, AIIMS, New Delhi for APCON 2023 to be held at AIIMS, New Delhi were 6<sup>th</sup> December for Pre-conference CME/Workshop, 7<sup>th</sup> December for IAP-ID & 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> December for IAPM.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 13/2022:** GB accepted the dates for APCON 2023.

**Agenda No.14: Proposals for CMEs, Symposia & Orations APCON 2023:**

Secretary gave the list of proposals received by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2022.

- a. **Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium:** Proposals were received from Dr. Prasenjit Das, Dr. Asaranti Kar & Dr. Shantveer G Uppin. **Resolution: Agenda No.14 a/2022:** GB decided to extend the date for receiving proposals till 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023 and select the topics. The secretary was requested to give the notification for extension in website.
- b. **Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Oration:** No proposal was received from Tamilnadu and Puducherry chapter.

**Resolution: Agenda No.14 b/2022:** Since no name was received, the speaker was not finalised. Secretary will contact the chapter chairperson and get the names which will be circulated among EC members and final name will be decided.

- c. **Dr CI Jhala Oration:** Since no name was suggested, the speaker was not finalised. It was decided that the speaker will be finalised by vote Dr. Jhala's family and IAPM.

**Resolution: Agenda No.14 c/2022:** Since no name was received, the speaker was not finalised. Honourary Secretary will contact Dr. Nirag Jhala for suggesting the orator's name which will be circulated among EC members & finalised.

- d. **CME (Slide seminars & symposia) :** Secretary gave the list of proposals received by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2022.

**Resolution: Agenda No.14 d/2022:** Since the number of proposals received were few, GB decided to extend the date for receiving proposals to 31<sup>st</sup> January which will be notified in website for members' information.

**Agenda No.15: Proposed Venues for APCON 2024, 2025 & 2026**

**Resolution Agenda No.15/2022:** EC and GB accepted venue for the APCON 2024 at Cuttack. For APCON 2025, Symbiosis MCH, Pune.was shortlisted and were asked to send the proposal in proper format in accordance to the by laws including a consent letter from the state chapter and present a power point presentation in next APCON.

A hand written request letter was received from Dr.Vandana Raphael,Chairperson, NE Regional Chapter for holding APCON 2026 at Shillong .She was asked to send the proposal in proper format in accordance to the by laws and also for presenting a power point preparation in next APCON.

**Agenda No.16: Dr. K.S.Ratnakar Best paper award:**

MOU signed by all signatories, amount of 5 lakhs deposited in SBI, Jaipur branch. An award instituted in name of “ Dr. KS Ratnakar Best Paper Award”

**Resolution Agenda No.16/2022:**It was approved by EC & GB & was decided to start from 2023.

**Agenda No.17: Formation of new chapters Jammu & Kashmir & Haryana:**

**Resolution Agenda No.17/2022:**EC & GB approved formation of new chapters in name of “Jammu & Kashmir” & “Haryana” chapter of IAPM.

**Agenda No.18: Website update & annual maintenance charge:**

**Resolution Agenda No.18/2022:**EC & GB approved the payment for AMC for website. Dr. Sharada Rane suggested to have an interactive website for which advertisement will be given by secretary asking for proposals with specifications keeping 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 as last date. Dr. Sujay was requested to work on this.

**Agenda No.19: Any other points :****Points from Secretary:**

- a. IAPM membership mandatory for state chapter membership- This rule is already existing but not followed regularly.

**Resolution Agenda No.19/2022:** It was decided to follow this rule strictly.

- b. Plaques for IAPM Presidents from 2012-2019 who haven't received it during their tenure as President. This will cost approximately Rs.70,000/.

**Resolution Agenda No.19b/2022:** GB approved the preparation and presentation of plaques and the proposed expenditure for the purpose.

**Points from Vice-President:**

c. Proposal for making Pathology a clinical subject :

**Resolution Agenda No.19c/2022:** It was discussed in GB and was agreed upon as a difficult task. Dr. Sidhartha Datta Gupta and Dr. VenkatIyer were requested to work on it.

d. Proposal to release of postage stamp in name of IAPM on the occasion of completion of 75 years of association.

**Resolution Agenda No.19d/2022:** It was discussed among members. GB didn't approve it.

**Agenda No.20: Thanking hosts of APCON 2022:**

**Resolution Agenda No.20/2022:** The GB congratulated organizing committee of APCON 2022 Dr. Aditya Agnihotri, Dr. Nanda kishore Alva & others for a successful hybrid conference for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, excellent scientific program including 20 pre-conference workshops and proper timely conduct of all sessions with local accommodation. The members also thanked and appreciated the outgoing office bearers and welcomed the new team. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair. The chair thanked all the members of IAPM for attending the conference and actively participating in the GBM.



**OBITUARY****DR. DEBLEENA SUR**

**Date of birth 29/11/1974**

**Date of demise 4/10/2022**

Dr. Debleena Sur was born in Cuttack. She did her MBBS from 1992 TO 1997 in two medical colleges;

1992 to 1994 in MKCG Medical College, Brahmapur and 1994 to 1997 in SCB Medical College, Cuttack. Dr Sur was hard working, intelligent and dedicated doctor who was always true to her

duty. Known to friends as happy, humble, always ready to help. She lights up the room she was in. Her smile, giggle and laughs filled the room as well as everyone's life around her. Her laughter was so honest and infectious, it was impossible not to feel happy around her. She is one of the most humble human beings of our generation. She was a brilliant student; won best poster award of IAPM. Was very hard working. Her dedication shows in her supporting her young son while she was fighting with her own health, to get through to IIT. We will always remember her for the beautiful friend she was inside out. She is survived by her father, mother, husband Dr Subhadro Ghosh and son Rik. It's easier to say "see you later" but impossible to say "goodbye" to such a lovable person that too forever... Taken by God from us too soon. She has left a large painful gap in our lives. Do rest in eternal peace.

**DR. RAMA GOPALAN**

Dr. Rama Gopalan, eminent Pathologist and one of the senior most members of the TNPCIAPM passed away after a brief illness on December 2022. In his long and distinguished career Dr. Rama Gopalan occupied many high positions including being President of Indian Society for Atherosclerosis Research (2010-2011) and Professor and Head of Pathology, Dr.A.L.M. Post Graduate Institution of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Madras, Taramani, Chennai. She was also Dean (Students) at University of Madras. She also occupied many positions in the Secretary/Treasurer, Indian Division of International Academy of Pathology (1992-1994) and

Joint Secretary of ISAR (1991-1994, 1994-1997), Secretary ISAR (2000-2001), Vice President ISAR (2002-2003, 2004-2005), President-elect ISAR (2008-2009). She also contributed tremendously to development of Pathology and many Institutions in Chennai and Pondicherry. A gifted and brilliant teacher she was a mother figure and mentor to many Pathologists all over the country and specially in Chennai and was greatly loved and deeply respected by his students who are spread all over the world as also by his peers and colleagues. Prof. Dr. Rama Gopalan was a giant in the field of Pathology and someone all of us looked up to. She was a jovial and compassionate person and talented teacher Dr. Rama Gopalan was not only a great Pathologist and gifted teacher but also an able administrator and above all a wonderful human being. She is survived by his children all of whom are eminent individuals in their own right, G.Srinath and G.Ranganath. Indian Association of Pathology and Microbiology Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry Chapter deeply mourns his loss and conveys condolences to his bereaved family. Dr. Sandhya Sundaram President, TNPCIAPM

## DR. MOBARAK AHEMAD KHAN



**DOB-22.02.1951**

**DOD- 17.04.2021**

**Dr. Mobarak Ahemad Khan** was born on 22nd February 1951 to Aftabuddin Khan and (Mrs.) Amatul Hai and was 3rd among his 6 siblings. He was born in village Kerang of Khurda District, Odisha.

He did his MBBS (1978) and MD (1989) both from VSS Medical College, Burla.

He was a Pathologist by profession and regarded as an excellent doctor among the medical fraternity where he worked and by the general public who gradually became aware of his acumen as a good Clinician. More than a Clinician/ Pathologist, he was regarded as a very good teacher by the students. And his students spoke highly of his method of teaching. He was popularly known Khan Sir among the students and one of his students who now works as a faculty in AIIMS Bhubaneswar quoted that "Khan Sir commanded a lot of respect from the Medical students as he taught so well".

He was an excellent scholar during his school days and later on during his MBBS studies. He had a sharp memory and brilliant mind which enabled him to study and assimilate all the lessons of the class with comparatively less time involved than his peers but, his dedication and effort were unquestionable. From his childhood he was good at sports too. He had a knack for swimming and gradually he became a good swimmer and was a gold medalist too in swimming competition during his MBBS days.

He exuded a calm and humble demeanor and would engage in a friendly and sensible conversation with his colleagues and co-workers and he had a good general knowledge, which he used to help many who would be looking to get counsel on a certain matter.

Behind his retiring exterior lay hid a high resolve, strength, will power and a sublime determination and belief and trust in God, the Almighty. Through his actions and words, he taught to be humble, to be caring and be ever prepared to serve, the three major hallmarks of a good doctor. He was a good human being, a good husband and an excellent father.

Dr. M. A. Khan breathed his last at 9:26 AM on 17th April 2021 (Saturday). He is survived by his wife, his two sons, daughter-in-laws, a grandson and a granddaughter.

We pray for his noble soul to rest in eternal peace and heavenly abode and give strength to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

## DR. R.V.AGRAWAL



**DOB -15.031934**

**DOD-25.03.2022**

**Dr. Ram Vilas Agrawal**, was born on 15th March 1934 at Raipur. He did his schooling and premedical education at Raipur. He was an alumnus of GMC Nagpur, completing MBBS in 1957. He joined as house surgeon in GMC Nagpur on 10/01/1959 and completed his MD Pathology & Bacteriology in 1963.

His teaching career started on 14/01/1960 in GMC Nagpur under Dr. J. B. Srivastava as Professor and HOD (later the Director General of Health Services, GOI).

In the department of Pathology at Nagpur, Dr. B. K. Aikat (Director Professor, PGIMER Chandigarh), Dr. K. D. Sharma ( DMER & Director Haffkine Institute), Dr. B. R. Solanki ( research worker in sickle cell) and Dr. Shobha Grover (ICMR centre for cytopathology) were his illustrious colleagues. He also held the additional charge of Professor in FMT in GMC Nagpur till 13/12/1970, where he developed postmortem and autopsy services.

On deputation he joined MGIMS, Sevagram, Wardha as Professor of Pathology on 14/12/70 till 11/1/1976. Dr. R. V. Agrawal joined MGIMS from GMC Nagpur with stalwarts like Dr. Vishwanar, of Physiology and Dr. M.L. Sharma from Pharmacology at the behest of Dr. Sushila Nayar. MGIMS being a pioneering venture, Dr. Agrawal not only set up the Dept. of Pathology but also developed work ethics commensurate with Gandhian way of life. He set up diagnostic work in histopathology for leprosy, filariasis and TB along with world renowned leprologist Dr. Desikan and Dr. A.R. Shukla, an ophthalmologist saving eye sights of leprosy patients. He was instrumental in setting up an excellent PG courses in Pathology which was integrated with teaching in camps, community services and ROME (re-orientation of medical education).

He then rejoined government service at BJMC, Pune on 12/01/1976 as Professor and Head, Dept of Pathology till 5/09/1988 with Dr. B. S. Raichur as his predecessor. He excelled in PG teaching with daily slide diagnosis sessions (ting-ting seminars). Autopsy services of Pathology excelled with more than 1000 clinical post mortems conducted by residents and post graduate students under his guidance. Department of surgical Pathology, hematology and cytology excelled under his guidance with 10 Associate Professors and 20 lecturers working tirelessly with him. He conducted inter departmental activities like death audits, death conferences and CPCs with his medical and surgical colleagues. He always encouraged research paper presentations in National Conferences with a large contingent of more than 20 delegates attending these National Conferences. He had collected thousands of systemic and surgical pathology slides and he donated his collection to department of Pathology, BJMC Pune.

He was promoted as Dean to GMC Aurangabad on 06/09/1989, till 16/09/1989, then transferred to VMGMC Solapur and then to BJMC Pune where he served as Dean till his retirement in March 1992.

He returned to academics as Professor of Pathology at Bharti Vidyapeeth Pune for the next 10 years. He was instrumental in setting up the department and illustrative museum there.

Dr. R. V. Agrawal was a gifted and devoted teacher, a pathologist of great repute, an academician par excellence, an extremely considerate administrator, a thorough gentleman and a genuine humanist, a loving and caring popular teacher. He has 50 research publications to his credit.

He was "Bhishmacharya" for his PG students who would go out of the way to teach, groom, train them to become reasonably good pathologists.

He was the President of Research Society of BJMC and SGH, Pune.

He had organized National Conference on blood bank and was the Organizing secretary of MAPCON 1982 held at Mahabaleshwar, organized by BJMC Pune. He started quarterly pathology meets of slide seminars to discuss interesting cases under the aegis of Poona Pathologists and Microbiologists Association.

The President and office bearers of IAPM deeply condole the passing away of Dr. R. V. Agrawal. He will always be fondly remembered by thousands of his students and colleagues. May he guide us in our journey as pathologists and diagnosticians.

We must admit that "They don't make them anymore"

